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A copy of each of the items listed on accompanying Form PTO 1449 (Modified) is supplied herewith.

Applicant wishes to call to the attention of the Examiner copending and commonly assigned U.S. application no.'s 08/740,727 filed November 1, 1996 and 08/409,797 filed March 24, 1995.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before receipt of a first Official Action on the merits, whichever occurs last.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

- In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached:
 2 page Information Disclosure Statement; 2 page PTO Form 1449; copy of 33 references; VAS Transmittal Letter; and Postcard.
- 2. With respect to fees:
 - No additional fee is required.
 - □ Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$.
 - □ Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

3. CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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